

REMARKS

The application has been amended in a manner that is believed to place it in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

At the outset, applicants would like to notify the Examiner that the certified English translation filed with the present application was of the provisional application and not the appropriate non-provisional application (e.g. see the certification page). The appropriate certified English translation of the non-provisional application is being provided with this response. Applicants regret any inconvenience this may have caused.

Claims 1, 13 and 14 have been amended. Claims 23-30 have been cancelled, without prejudice and may be the subject of divisional applications. Claims 1-22 are currently pending.

Claims 23-30 were rejected under 35 USC §112, first paragraph, for allegedly failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Claims 23-30 have been cancelled.

Claims 1-30 were rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claims 23-30 have been cancelled.

The Official Action stated that claim 1 was vague and indefinite for placing a period at the end of the second line of the claim, for not including a space between "R¹" and "and", and for defining R⁹ and R¹⁰ as being an alkyl group having from 1 to 5 carbon atoms. Claim 1 has been amended to remove the period in the second line, to position a space between "R¹" and "and", and to correctly define R⁹ and R¹⁰ (i.e. an alkyl group of 1 to 5 carbon atoms or an alkenyl group from 2 to 5 carbon atoms).

The Official Action stated that claim 13 lacks antecedent basis for the limitation "a-phenylene-CH₂-b". Claim 13 has been amended to depend from claim 7, which depends from claim 5, and claim 5 recites that Z may represent a straight chain methylene group having from 2 to 10 carbon atoms of which one methylene is replaced by phenylene.

Therefore, applicants respectfully request that the indefiniteness rejection be withdrawn.

The Official Action did not apply any art against the pending claims.

In view of the above, applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action. Allowance and passage on the basis is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional
fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following item:

- a certified English translation of non-provisional application